



Harvest Summary of HRW July 24, 2009 To July31, 2009

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percent of Harvest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Texas ○ Oklahoma ○ Kansas ○ Southeast Colorado to Central Colorado ○ Northeast Colorado ○ Southeastern Nebraska ○ South Central Nebraska ○ Southwestern Nebraska Panhandle ○ Western Nebraska Panhandle ○ South Dakota 	<p><u>Complete by Location:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done 99% 99% 80% 99% 99% 90% 85% 40%
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Harvest has virtually concluded for states producing wheat that is Gulf tributary. In Nebraska, wheat harvest is rapidly winding down with the northern part of the state being the only major area to be completed with it still being well behind the 5 year average for harvest completion date. Harvest is now in full swing in South Dakota with lower yields being reported in contrast to areas south into Nebraska. Test weight and thousand kernel weight continues to be very good in this crop and is a reflection of late season moisture that allowed grain to accumulate the maximum amount of dry matter prior to maturity and dry down. As reported last week, the higher test weights are also an indicator of very good yields as well. Generally, producers in this area have been very happy with yields of this 2009 wheat crop with the exception of southern South Dakota. However, this also has affected the protein in this crop with lower than average reports from many areas of the region and like areas of Colorado and Kansas there is somewhat of a mosaic pattern emerging indicating highs and lows within close proximity of each other.

This crop is producing very good kernel characteristics (test weight, 1,000 KW and kernel diameter) as well, which is favorable for millers. Mill and bake test are still pending for a complete evaluation of mill yields, dough functionality and baking performance.

For the week ending July 31, 2009

Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
358	415	11.3	12.1	.6	30.1	418	2HRW	59.8 78.7	.1	.2	1.1	1.4